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Mayor Kristie S. Overson

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

At this time of year, I often think of the quote attributed to founding father Thomas Jefferson: "The government closest to the people serves the people best."

It is what I love about our country. It is all of us who make our nation all that it can be. It is our involvement and willingness to engage.

We are a country "of the people, by the people and for the people."

We see these truths each year as our own state Legislature, made up of citizen legislators, convenes for 45 days. This year's General Session of the 64th Legislature opened on Jan. 19 and adjourns at midnight on March 5. We especially want to thank our Taylorsville-area representatives for all their good work this session. They are: Rep. Jim Dunnigan, Rep. Karen Kwan, Sen. Wayne Harper and Sen. Karen Mayne.

It has been a challenging session. Not only were legislators taking up a high volume of bills, but they were still dealing with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the necessity of keeping everyone safe. While the Capitol Hill Complex remained open, committee hearings were transmitted electronically so that citizens could also participate virtually. We were able to view floor proceedings from the Legislature's website.

Legislators took up several matters of particular importance to us as a city. We followed closely bills dealing with accessory dwelling units (ADUs), law enforcement and public safety (which numbered more than 100 bills this year), transportation and education, municipal-related matters and more.

The ADU legislation was an especially high priority for us. In some cases, bills involving this issue were drawn directly from the Taylorsville ordinance. With the new legislation, our plan is to outline for residents exactly what they need to do in regard to ADUs. We want to make this issue easier to understand and more friendly for our residents.

Often when we think of local government, we may think of the state vs. federal government but of course, there is a level of government even closer to the people. The mayors and City Councils of our communities are all elected representatives. Our local school boards are elected, as well as many of our service districts, and our Planning Commissions are appointed by our elected city representatives. It is our duty and responsibility to represent our communities to the best of our abilities, and it is indeed our pleasure to serve you. After all, it is all of us who make up 'We, the people,' and I wouldn't have it any other way.

-Mayor Kristie S. Overson

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Performing Arts Center is Almost Finished



The new Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center is nearing completion, with an opening to the public expected this year.

"It has been so exciting to see the project moving forward over the past two years and experience all the activity and construction happening right outside our windows at City Hall," said Mayor Kristie Overson. "We are so lucky to have this beautiful Performing Arts Center in Taylorsville. We look forward to its official opening with eager anticipation."

The \$39 million center brings new performance and rehearsal spaces to the mid-valley, fulfilling a long-held dream and well documented need for purpose-built arts spaces in this fast-growing section of the county. Construction started in early 2019, following its groundbreaking on Dec. 20, 2018. See a photo gallery of the work on Page 6 of this section.

The venue includes the 400-seat Mainstage Theater, 200-seat Studio 5400 Theater, a multiuse rehearsal room and support spaces, and professional theater services including ticketing, technical direction, event management and guest services. Two public art pieces and planned professional landscaping will finish the venue and give it a personality and sense of place. There will also be six places to display art as part of the adjacent open space in front of City Hall, comprising Centennial Plaza.



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EVENTS MARCH 2021

March 3 & 17 – 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting @ City Hall and online. Watch a live-stream of the meeting on the city's website, www.taylorsvilleut.gov

March 9 – 7 p.m. & March 23 – 6 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting @ City Hall.

March 14 – 2 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time begins. Move your clocks ahead one hour.

March through June 1

The Taylorsville Arts Council is seeking submissions for its virtual Art Show, commemorating Taylorsville's 25th Anniversary. See Page 3.

Find our calendar of events every month on the city's website, where you can also submit your own events for possible publication. Go to www.taylorsvilleut.gov

Also, a standing event every Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m., at City Hall is the "Mayor is In." During this time, Mayor Kristie Overson has open office hours to meet with residents about any issue on their minds. Drop by and meet with the Mayor. All are welcome.

Utah Ranks 10th for 2020 Census Returns



The 2020 Census is now complete, and Utah ranks 10th highest in the nation for its number of returns. In all, 99.9% of Utah households were counted.

This enumeration rate is a combination of Utah's self-response rate of 71.0% and those who were counted during the Census Bureau's non-response follow-up operation, gaining 28.9% more Utahns counted.

"We can't thank everyone enough for their participation in the Census," said Mayor Kristie Overson,

who worked as an enumerator for the 2010 Census. "The data gleaned every 10 years from the Census is so valuable for our community. Based on the count, we receive funds for key programs and essential services such as road construction, health and housing, education and emergency planning."

The State of Utah's final 2020 Census Self-Response Rate (SRR) of 71.0%, which ranked 10th highest in the United States, was 2.4 percentage points higher than Utah's SRR of 68.6% in 2010. Just over 64% of self-responding Utahns utilized the Census Bureau's online option.

Salt Lake County ranked fifth of the counties in the state for its SSR, with a rate of 74.3% and 68.0% internet response. Davis County was first in the state with an 81.2% SSR and 76.2% internet response, followed by Morgan, Cache and Utah counties.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, redistricting data will be delivered to the states by Sept. 30. The redistricting data includes counts of population by race, ethnicity, voting age, housing occupancy status, and group quarters population, all at the census block level. This is the information that states need to redraw or "redistrict" their legislative boundaries.

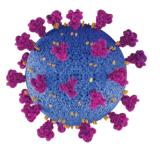


Vaccines Extended to Residents 65 and Older

Residents over the age of 65 are now eligible to receive the coronavirus vaccine. State officials also expect the vaccine should soon be available at a variety of community locations, including your local pharmacy and your doctor's office, as well as the Salt Lake County Health Department public health centers.

Visit www.coronavirus.utah.gov for the latest information.

During this past month, the vaccine has been available to healthcare workers, long-term care facility staff and residents, first responders, residents ages 70 and older, and K-12 teachers and school staff.



Utahns between the ages of 65-69 and were scheduled to receive the vaccine, starting Feb. 18. Then, anyone 18 or older with specified medical conditions were expected to receive authorization for the vaccine, beginning March 1. Medical conditions for those over the age of 18 can be found at www.coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine-distribution/

Qualifying Taylorsville residents can make an appointment to receive the vaccine at: www. slco.org/health/COVID-19/vaccine/The vaccine is expected to be available to all Utahns by July.

COUNCIL CORNER J

Thank You to the Green Committee for Keeping Our City Safe and Clean

By Council Member Ernest Burgess

The focus on recycling, reusing and reducing, as well as efforts to preserve and protect our environment, have long been a priority of our Taylorsville community, and it has made a real difference in making our city beautiful.

We are lucky to have such involved members of our community who are dedicated to this issue and carrying it forward. Particularly unique to Taylorsville is our active Green Committee, which is made up entirely of volunteers. The committee meets the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Taylorsville City Offices, 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd., and we are always looking for more members and involvement.

As a Council, these efforts mean so much to us and we are grateful to the committee members for all they do. Individually, I have served on the committee as the Council's liaison for the past nine years, and am thoroughly impressed by the committee members and their work. It started as an effort to improve recycling and has grown into a valuable resource. At the top of the list is our popular Earth Day Collection, where residents can bring old, unused items to clean up their homes and the community. Last year was the first year we were unable to hold the collection day, due to the coronavirus pandemic. The committee is still assessing whether we will be able to hold the event this year; it may need to be delayed to June. We will provide details and more information once they become available.

In the meantime, the Green Committee has put together a comprehensive list of where you can take

your unwanted items. You can find the full list in last month's issue of this Newsletter or on our website at *www.taylorsvilleut.gov*. A few of the resources and the locations where items can be disposed include:

Motor oil or car/truck batteries — Any AutoZone or O'Reilly Auto Parts stores.

Glass recycling — Bin outside the Taylorsville Senior Center, 4743 Plymouth View Dr.

Used clothing/household items — Savers, 4145 S. Redwood Rd., 801-262-2150 and Utah Thrift, 3869 W. 5400 South, 801-413-3736.

Metal — Redwood Recycling, 6235 S. Redwood Rd., 801-447-2377. They recycle aluminum cans, siding and gutters, car wheels, radiators, electric motors and transformers, and water heaters. They also take lawn mowers, as long as all gas and oil are drained out.

Computer Recycling — Drop off at any PC Laptops location

Mattress Recycling — Spring Back Utah. Drop off at 1929 S. 4130 West #D, 801-906-8146. \$20 fee for each item. It keeps mattresses from the landfill and costs just a little bit more than taking them to the dump.

A reminder, too, that every residential property can request up to two dump vouchers each year. These vouchers are good for up to \$15 off of one load of material at the Salt Lake Valley Landfill, 6030 W. California Ave. (1300 South). Mattresses and tires are extra. Request your voucher by calling 801-955-2013 or



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Dan Armstrong (District 5), Curt Cochran, Chair (District 2), Meredith Harker (District 4), Anna Barbieri, Vice Chair (District 3), and Ernest Burgess (District 1)

stop by the Taylorsville City Hall reception desk.

You can find more about the Green Committee on our Facebook group page at "Taylorsville Green." Look for tips, stories and conversations about how we can all do our part.

The Green Committee's ultimate goal is to make our community a better place and a beautiful place to live. We also want to make our city safer. The interest has always been centered around these objectives. Eventually, the committee hopes that we can do something with our schools, to further encourage recycling. We want to find additional avenues to take action.

Everybody on the Green Committee is so committed, and we greatly appreciate our volunteers. Thank you to all for working to keep our Taylorsville home clean, safe and green.

Art Show Commemorates City's 25th Anniversary

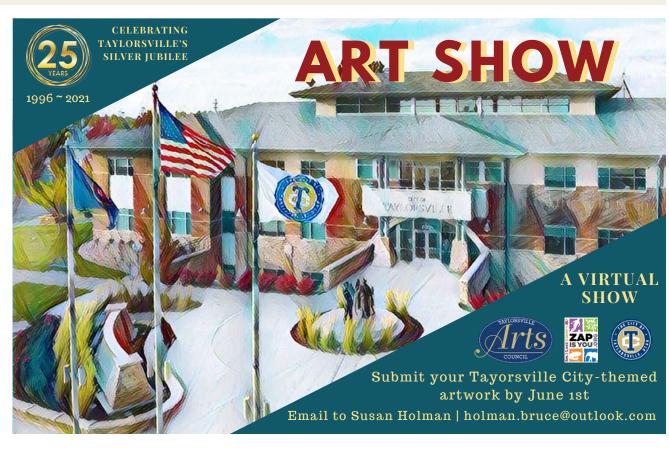


The Taylorsville Arts Council is sponsoring a virtual art show to celebrate Taylorsville's 25th birthday. All of the artwork needs to represent our wonderful city.

Please submit your artwork by June 1, to Susan Holman at holman.bruce@outlook.com

All artwork must be submitted with your name and text capable phone number, your age, entry description, a picture of your artwork and a picture of you with your artwork.

The winning artwork will be displayed at Taylorsville City Hall. If you have any questions please call Susan Holman, 801-966-8376.





TVPD Team Affirms Vision, Mission and Values

Monthly updates on the formation of the Taylorsville City Police Department will be provided on this page through July 2021.

As part of a strong operational foundation, the team recently recommended a vision, mission and set of values for the new police department, which have subsequently been approved by the City Council and administration.

These espousals will serve not only as a set of ideals but have practical application as guiding principles for command staff and officers to base their actions and decisions upon — all things related to positive community and personal interactions. These will also be incorporated into the strategic plan, budget processes and personnel development/evaluations.

VISION

Preserving Community Rights and Responsibilities

MISSION

In partnership with our community leaders and citizens, it is the mission of the Taylorsville Police Department to provide high quality law enforcement services — thus preserving and protecting the people as well as the diverse and unique culture that comes from living in Taylorsville City. This is accomplished through adherence to best practices and department values.

VALUES - A CULTURE DEFINED

- Transparency policy and practices which are perpetually open to public review and refinement
- Respect admiration and regard for the feelings and traditions of others
- Innovation open to new ideas, methods, or products which allow for adaptation and growth
- Connection linked both personally and professionally to foundational principles which bind the community and provide for a sense of belonging
- Collaboration to assure the inclusion and cooperation of all internal and external stakeholders

For those tracking the objectives and timeline outlined on the city website, we are pleased to share the completion and ongoing progress for the month of February, as follows:

COMPLETED

- Community outreach meeting (specific invites) with Chief and Command Staff
- Finalize 3-Year Strategic Plan
- Formalize contracts for storage (records, vehicles), range, courts, etc.

ONGOING

- Determine strategic partners for mutual aid, forensics, etc. (shared services)
- Formal proposal and adoption of selected policies, SOGs, etc.
- · Assemble Citizen Advisory Board

City Appoints TVPD Lieutenant

In addition to Chief Brady Cottam and Deputy Chief Todd Gray, the city has hired Lt. Brett Miller to lead its new municipal police department, which starts up this summer.

Lt. Miller has held a long career with the Taylorsville UPD Precinct, most recently working as sergeant. In an informal gathering with city leaders, Lt. Miller and his family at City Hall on Feb. 12, Chief Cottam gave him his lieutenant's bars. A formal swearing-in ceremony with all new officers will take place in June.

You can read more about the efforts to form the Taylorsville City Police Department at www.taylorsvilleut. gov/services/tvpd. Find the latest information, as well as a timeline and answers to frequently asked questions. You can also sign up online for emailed updates about the department. If you'd like to submit a comment, it can be emailed to police.outreach@taylorsvilleut.gov





Taylorsville Responders Assist in Big Cottonwood Rescue





Rescue responders from Taylorsville's Fire Station 117 were among those helping to rescue a woman trapped in a vehicle following a spectacular crash in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Unified Fire Battalion Chief Brian Anderton told KSL News, "We had a lot of concerns for the people who were involved and knew it would be technical and probably a long operation to get them out safely."

The accident occurred on Jan. 24. Due to icy conditions, an SUV carrying three people and a pickup truck with a driver and passenger went over the edge of the canyon road. Everyone survived, but a woman trapped inside the truck, upside-down in the creek below, had to be carefully rescued.

"The rescue itself was certainly difficult and dangerous — sliding down the steep rock-covered hill that was snowy and icy," said Anderton. "It was cold for the victims and it was cold for our workers who were in the water for quite a while."

Rescuers brought in the jaws of life to cut the truck open. They then had to build a complicated rope system up the steep embankment and back to the roadway. After about two hours, they had the woman safely in an ambulance and on her way to the hospital, KSL reported.

UFA's heavy rescue companies specialize in structural collapse, confined space rescue, trench collapse rescue, vehicle extrication, machinery disentanglement, rope rescue (high angle, low angle, rigging) and rapid intervention (firefighter rescue). The UFA Heavy Rescue Program consists of two independent rescue companies strategically placed in UFA's jurisdiction. Station 117 in Taylorsville City and Station 121 in Riverton house the Heavy Rescue Teams.

'Dutch Bros Army' Celebrates Opening in Taylorsville



You can now enjoy a mocha, latte or americano, soda or lemonade, energy drink, frosts and freezes, all at Dutch Bros coffee in Taylorsville. The company's newest location at 3883 W. 5400 South celebrated its official opening on Jan. 19.

Taylorsville City officials and representatives from ChamberWest were on hand for the shop's Ribbon Cutting, which was also joined by the "Dutch Bros Army," representing the company's top baristas from 10 states.

"It's people over profit for Dutch Bros," noted local operator Chris Triglia, who runs the Taylorsville shop,

as well as those in West Valley City and West Jordan. "We're a caring place for young entrepreneurs. We're helping them carve self-discipline. It's so much greater than just coffee."

In welcoming the company and congratulating them on their opening, Mayor Overson said, "We're so glad to have you here in Taylorsville. Your crew is amazing and their energy inspiring."

You can read more about the company and check out their "secret menu" at www.dutchbros.com. The Taylorsville shop is open every day from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.



Visit Ponce de Leon Insurance at Carriage Square



Ponce de Leon Insurance is now open for business in Taylorsville. The company offers coverage for your auto, home and business, as well as workers compensation, health and life insurance.

Owned by Javier Ponce de Leon, the insurance company is located at 1737 W. Carriage Square. Feel free to call them for a quote at 801-676-9339.

Ponce de Leon Insurance officially opened on Jan. 15 with a Ribbon Cutting, attended by city officials and those from ChamberWest. Employees also gathered, and a priest gave a prayer to bless the business.

We know that Ponce de Leon will provide thoughtful attention to your clients and our residents who seek trusted insurance advice," said Mayor Kristie Overson.

Ponce de Leon Insurance has been in business for more than 10 years, with a location also in Ogden. They are open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by, call or visit their website at poncedeleoninsurance.com for more information.

Traci's Parrots 4 U Opens Redwood Road Location



Birds are family at Traci's Parrots 4 U. The parrot store specializes in all things parrots and is now open in Taylorsville at 4870 S. Redwood Road

Joined by officials from ChamberWest and the City of Taylors-ville, Traci's Parrots owners, managers and employees cheered and the birds nodded as the store opened its doors to all with a recent Ribbon Cutting.

"We want you to make Traci's Parrots 4 U your one-stop parrot destination, whether it's getting your parrot, toys, cages, food or one of our many specialized parrot accessories/services. We'll pamper your feathered babies," said co-owner George Afana.

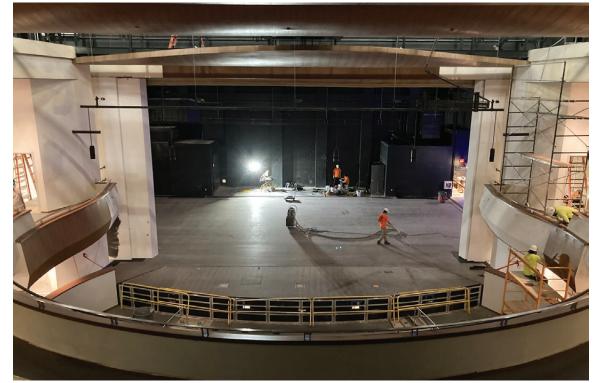
Traci's Parrots is a parrot breeder, and also has older parrots for adoption. They sell unique play stands and trees for your parrots to play on, safe toys for parrots of all sizes and accessories for every parrot lover.

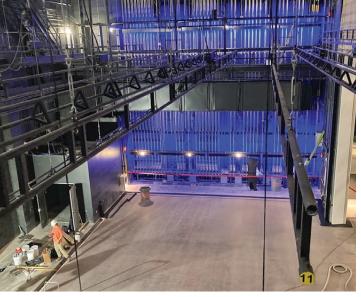
"I had no idea," said Mayor Kristie Overson. "It was so much fun to meet the birds and learn more about them. The store is bright and beautiful, colorful, clean and well taken care of. We are so happy to have Traci's Parrots 4 U in Taylorsville."

You can find more information about the store by joining Traci's Parrots 4 U on MeWe.com or visit their website at tracisparrots4u.com. They are open Monday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., Saturday, noon to 6 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.



Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center CONSTRUCTING A THEATER, 2018 TO 2021





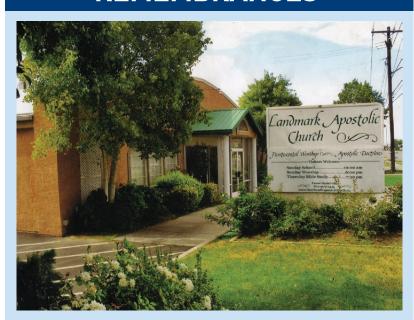








Taylorsville Bennion Heritage **REMEMBRANCES**

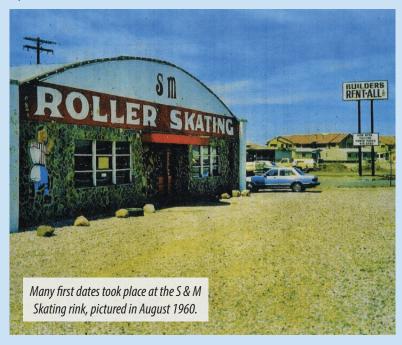


One of the most famous Taylorsville gathering places long ago was the S & M Skating rink. This parcel of land is now out of the City of Taylorsville's boundaries. However, during the 1960s-plus, it was the place to hang out, to be seen and to see who could impress others with their skating prowess.

Many local Taylorsville/Bennion residents frequented the skating rink for fun and good times. In fact, some of the rink's patrons even ended up marrying each other later on.

The rink was located at 3950 S. Redwood Road. The "S" stood for Stan, and the "M" for Myrl. Their last name was Todd. The couple operated the rink during the '40s and '50s. Stan was an entrepreneur who dealt with many business ventures. Later in the '60s, '70s and '80s, their son Dean Todd and his wife, Jessie, were the owners/operators.

Originally, the land belonged to Abram and Ann Tofts Todd, who owned approximately 75 acres of land that bordered Redwood Road. There have been several owners since the 1980s at this address, two of them being a reception center and a boutique. Today, it is the Landmark Apostolic Church.



TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

4743 S. Plymouth View Drive

Taylorsville Senior Center Goes Virtual



Salt Lake County is pleased to announce the development of a Virtual Senior Center.

Aging & Adult Services' new Virtual Senior Center will offer programming that seniors can do from the safety of their own home. You can read more about the Virtual Senior Center and view current programs, by accessing the center's newsletter online or stopping by the Taylorsville Senior Center, 4743 S.

Plymouth View Drive, during drive-thru lunch hours (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday) to pick up a copy.

These programs will include online, video conference, telephone, or self-guided activities that require neither phone nor computer. A variety of class types will be available ranging from support groups, exercise classes, education, arts and crafts, and even self-guided tours of local areas.

The development is ongoing. For example, the center has exercise classes and wellness videos on the department's YouTube page from the Health Promotion program, and staff members are working every day to create new opportunities, including presentations, classes, support groups and more.

Please check out the Taylorsville Senior Center's website, Facebook page, and sign up for their email blast to receive current updates:

www.slco.org/taylorsville-senior-center

Don't Miss These Events at the Library This Month

In-N-Out Cover to Cover Club

Monday, March 8, to Saturday, April 17

Participate in a reading program. Read five books and get a free hamburger. For ages 4-12.



Monday, March 15, to Saturday, March 20. Taylorsville Branch Find the four-leaf clovers in the I Spy Window this week and earn a small prize.

Adult Virtual Lecture | Bridgerton and the Regency Years

Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m. Online

Robert Morrison will contrast the romanticized portrayal of Netflix's Bridgerton series to the Regency years. Learn the profound ways the Regency period shaped and indelibly marked the modern world. Morrison is currently British Academy Global Professor at Bath Spa University and Queen's National Scholar at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. He specializes in 19th-century British literature and culture. In 2017, he was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

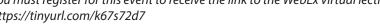
You must register for this event to receive the link to the WebEx virtual lecture: https://tinyurl.com/1kd44rp7

Adult Virtual Lecture | From Unwanted to Indispensable: The Real Nurses of the Civil War

Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m. Online

Author and historian, Pamela Toler will tell the story of the thousands of women who volunteered to be nurses during the Civil War and created a profession that did not exist before the war. Armed with a Ph.D. in history, a well-thumbed deck of library cards, and a large bump of curiosity, Toler goes beyond the familiar boundaries of American history to tell stories from other parts of the world. She is the author of eight books of popular history for children and adults. The paperback version of her newest book, Women Warriors: An Unexpected History was released February 2020.

You must register for this event to receive the link to the WebEx virtual lection. https://tinyurl.com/k67s72d7



Escape the FOG with Proper Disposal

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) have the potential to cost you money if not handled properly. Problems can develop in your household drains and the sewer collection system due to the improper disposal of FOG.

Commonly used cooking oils and grease disposed in sink drains can lead to sewer line backups in homes and businesses. Sewer main backups may overflow onto streets creating adverse impacts to public health and the environment.

The easiest way to solve the FOG buildup problem is to keep it out of the sewer system. Here are a couple of tips:



- Pour cooled FOG into a can or other container with a tight lid (coffee can, glass jar or plastic container) and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Place baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids then empty the drain baskets/strainers into the trash.

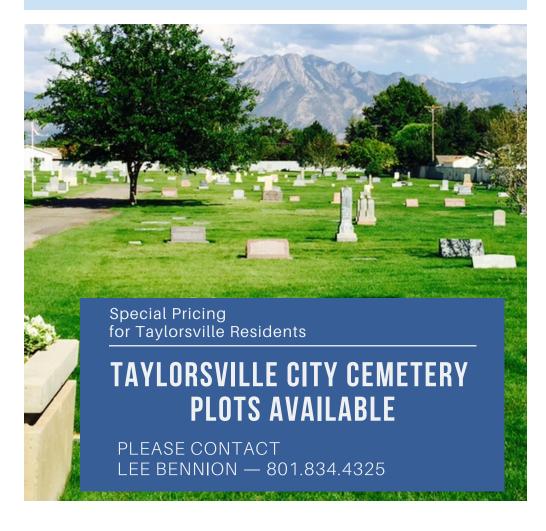
Tell your family, friends and neighbors about problems associated with grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out. The solution starts in your home with your actions.



QUESTIONS?

Please contact Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District by calling 801-968-9081 or visiting **www.tbid.org**.

You can also follow the district on Facebook and Twitter.





MARCH WFWRD UPDATES

SUBSCRIPTION GREEN WASTE PROGRAM

The Weekly Green Waste Collection Program will resume beginning Thursday, March 18 for Taylorsville residents. Taylorsville currently has 1,167 out of the 8,412 districtwide subscribers.

Residents can sign up and help divert green waste from the landfill to be processed into mulch that can be purchased for use from the Salt Lake Valley and Trans-Jordan Landfills. There is a one-time start-up fee of \$60 to pay for the can and at \$126 per year, a green waste can is less expensive than an additional black garbage can at \$204 per year. For more information on this program and composting, please visit the WFWRD website at: http://wasatchfrontwaste.org/green-waste.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Now is the perfect time of year to trim your trees! Municipal Ordinance require that trees and landscaping that overhangs the street pavement need to be trimmed to a minimum height of 13½ feet above the street pavement.

Following these guidelines will help trucks navi-



gate through your neighborhood and empty your cans without potential damage to your trees and WFWRD trucks. We appreciate your help.

CURBSIDE GLASS COLLECTIONS

Did you know that WFWRD provides a Curbside Glass Collection service? You can join your neighbors who conveniently recycle glass at home. This is an optional service provided by WFWRD and Momentum Recycling. The startup fee is \$45, which pays for a 35-gallon can specifically for glass recycling. WFWRD does not collect the curbside glass, but coordinates billing and provides the can.

The monthly fee of \$8 per month provides the once-per-month collection services from Momentum Recycling. All colors of glass bottles and jars are accepted. There are also community glass recycle locations throughout the valley. For more information, or to sign up for curbside service, visit https://wasatchfrontwaste.org/glass.

